



## Confrontation On SE Housing

RAYMOND SMITH (left) makes a point at last month's Near SE meeting called to protest the city's housing code enforcement program in the area.

At right, James Gilman, director of the District's Community Renewal Program, announces that the code project has been halted.

Seated next to Gilman are Carroll Swanson, head of the Housing Division of the Dept. of Licenses & Inspections (left), and Herbert Young of Friendship House. For details see story below.



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## Hill Slashes Schools Request

CONGRESS last month approved less than one-half of the funds requested by the District for school construction projects in Capitol East. The bill sent to and signed by the President contained appropriations of \$1.62 million for Capitol East school construction compared with a budget request of \$7.96 million.

Among the unapproved items, however, was \$1.06 million for an addition to Hine Jr. High School, which the school administration recently decided was not necessary.

The only item added by the Senate to the measure the House passed last spring was \$459,000 for an addition to Lenox School, 5th & G SE. The money is for site and plans.

Projects approved were:

Payne Elementary School addition, 15th & C SE, \$905,000 (a cut of \$46,000 from the budget request). Blow-Pierce School replacement, 20th & Gales NE, \$93,000. Brent School replacement, 3rd & D SE, \$65,000. Lenox School addition, 5th & G SE, \$459,000.

Proposed school projects dropped by Congress in addition to the Hine project were:

Site for new elementary school, 17th and Independence SE, \$1.3 million. Site for new elementary school at 19th and L, SE, \$1.7 million. Site for replacement of Peabody - Madison - Hayes schools, 9th & C NE, \$900,000. Site for new Lovejoy-Edmonds School, 12th & C NE, \$912,000.

The indoor-outdoor pool planned for 7th & S, C, Ave. SE survived the trip through Congress. \$54,000 in planning funds were voted for that project. The District will have to go back to the Hill for construction money.

A proposed recreation center at the East Capitol St. Car barn was killed.

D. C. Transit owns the property that some groups here say would make an excellent recreation facility.

\$1.09 million had been requested for the project.

Several improvements to D. C. General Hospital were approved in the bill.

## City Acts on SE Protest: Stops House Inspections

### House OKs Visitors Center

THE HOUSE OF Representatives late last month gave its approval to a plan to construct a national visitors' center at Union Station. The Senate still has to act on the matter.

THE city says it has stopped its intensive housing code enforcement program in Near SE, and will not resume it again until the District and the community can agree on procedures and safeguards to be used in the project.

James Gilman, director of the District's Community Renewal Program, made the surprise announcement of the housing inspectors' retreat from SE at the start of a meeting held Nov. 8 at Watkins School. More than two hundred persons had gathered to protest the code plan and to map action against it.

The code survey had been strongly opposed by the Near SE Neighborhood Advisory Council and several other organizations in the area. A NAC flyer distributed

prior to the Nov. 8 meeting charged that real estate speculators "who are interested in making this community another Georgetown" were the ones who would benefit from the code enforcement.

Opponents of the city inspection charged that the program would force poor homeowners, mostly Negro, to go heavily into debt to make needed repairs or to sell their homes. They maintained that homeowners would be victimized by unethical contractors and that the cost of repairs in rented property would be passed on to the tenants.

It was also pointed out that the code program had no provisions for governmental financial assistance, no legal service or counselling available, and no citizen participation in its planning.

Gilman told the Watkins School meeting that the only inspections still being carried out in Near SE were those resulting from complaints and routine inspections of licensed premises. He stated flatly that all code enforcement involving single-family dwellings had ceased.

It was still uncertain what effect the switch in District policy was having on multiple-unit tenant-occupied housing. Although Carroll Swanson, acting chief of the Dept. of Licenses & Inspections Housing Div., denied that anything other than routine inspections of such buildings was taking place, there are still three more inspectors in the area than there were two months ago.

Gilman indicated that the District (Please turn to page 10)

## Near NE Gets Model Cities Nod From U.S.

THE federal government has named Washington as one of the cities to receive planning money for a Model Cities project. The area picked by the District includes a portion of Capitol East bordered by Florida Ave., Maryland Ave., Mass. Ave. and N. Capitol St.

It also includes the Shaw urban renewal area, the NW #1 and NE#1 urban renewal areas and the Trinidad code enforcement area.

The exact amount of planning funds to be given Washington was not known at presstime. It was, however, expected to be much lower than the \$500,000 asked for by the District, and probably less than \$200,000.

Under the program--in theory--the District would be eligible for federal assistance amounting to about \$40 million over the next five years. According to the District's official request for funds last spring, this money would be used for a "total attack" on the area's major problems.

But just what effect the program will have on Near NE is far from clear. The District's initial proposal was two inches thick and contained a compendium of current solutions to social and economic ills. It is unlikely, however, that more than a portion of the program suggested

in the proposal could be carried out with the funds involved. It is also possible that the new city government will rewrite the program and set new priorities.

Nevertheless, the designation of the Model Cities area will mean that Near NE will be a prime target for programs aimed at improving the quality of life in the inner city. Such programs can be expected to mean upgraded government services and facilities in the area and more official attention to local problems. Also, under the guidelines of the Model Cities grants, there must be active community participation in planning future programs.

## NE Food Stamp Center Slated

THE Near NE Citizens' Advisory Council has won a partial victory in its fight to get more attention paid by the local food stamp program to the Near NE community. Following a protest to D. C. and federal food stamp officials, the Council received word last month from John Saunders--local food stamp chief (Please turn to page 10)



## The Gazette

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## Code Enforcement

THE CITY HAS, in effect, admitted that its housing code enforcement program in Near SE was a mistake. Acting upon the protests of a large number of citizens and civic groups, the District has agreed to halt the project until the community and the city can work out a sensible program.

It was a disgrace that the city should have attempted such an ill-planned effort and its change of heart came not a minute too soon. Disreputable contractors were already moving into the area and homeowners were starting to feel financial pressure beyond their capabilities. A committee has been formed to establish fair conditions for an inspection program. The Gazette feels that such a program should include at minimum the following:

- ☐ Federal loans and grants for low-income homeowners.
- ☐ Adequate counselling and legal services for both homeowners and tenants affected by the program.
- ☐ Disclosure of code violations to a citizen watchdog committee so it may offer services to affected residents.
- ☐ Circulation of a list of those contractors blackballed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- ☐ A program to prevent tenants from having to pay higher rents in order to subsidize the cost of repairs in apartment dwellings.
- ☐ Avoidance of nitpicking citations.

The community will undoubtedly develop other guidelines to ensure that any code enforcement program works to the advantage of all the people rather than for the benefit of those who can capitalize upon the financial troubles of others. The city should give full information, technical assistance, and cooperation to citizen groups attempting to develop a workable plan.

## The Highway Mafia

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY BOYD recently proposed a reduction in the freeway system planned for Washington. The highway lobby, joined notably by the Evening Star, immediately set up a howl. The truth is, however, that Mr. Boyd did not go far enough. The entire freeway program in Washington should be stopped until adequate subway and bus systems are developed for the city. Only then will we know what the true highway needs of the city are in terms of a balanced transportation program. We suspect strongly that most of the current freeway projects would be found to be unnecessary, given a proper mass transit system.

In particular, the construction of the East Leg should be halted. This strip of concrete creeping through Capitol East has already isolated a large segment of the poorer residents of Near SE from the community, has forced the eviction of numerous families, and threatens momentarily to destroy the recreational and aesthetic value of one of the last stretches of large undeveloped open space in the city: the Anacostia waterfront.

Estimates are that the East Leg will eventually carry 200,000 vehicles daily, including 20,000 fume spewing interstate trucks: a cavalry of contamination and noise galloping by without benefit to this community. Why should Capitol East tolerate such an intrusion? Why should the District and the National Capital Planning Commission permit it?

There is no good reason other than that the powers that decide such things have delivered themselves into the hands of pressure groups that garner large financial gains from freeways. Washington's transportation planning is in the grips of the highway Mafia. In other cities, the people can apply pressure upon their elected officials to resist this unwholesome coalition of highway interests. In Washington, however, we have no elected officials and must rely upon an appointed government which has already given signs that it does not intend to stand with the near-unanimous voice of civic groups in opposition to further freeway construction.

It is still not too late for the new District Council and Commissioner Washington to free the city from the highway Mafia. If they fail to do so, however, their first monument will have been built... a grim and permanent testimonial to the barrenness of their wisdom and their guts.

## Save the Teen Center

THE TEEN CENTER, at 1326 Penna. Ave. SE, has received word from Friendship House that its funds will run out December 22. A little more than a year old, the teen center has made a notable impact on the community. Its potential is even greater. Yet it is scheduled to die a few weeks from now.

Although the cause of the center's problems is the U. S. Congress, the cure may lie with other agencies—including the District government and the United Planning Organization. These agencies, we are confident, could scrape up the needed funds to keep the teen program going in Near SE. We hope they will act quickly.

Dozens of youths take part in the teen center's nightly programs and dance attendance averages 200. The teens have started an imaginative job-matching program which, although small, has produced new jobs for SE youths. And it was the same teen center which presented the new District Council with its first petition—signed by over 500 persons—seeking new sources of funds for the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

The center has had its difficult periods, but under the new leadership of Thornell Page it had started moving with zest just when the news of the fund cut-off came.

There are many less worthy programs to have come out of the anti-poverty program than this one. To kill it now would not only hurt the community, but would prove once again to the youth how crazy and wrong we adults can be.

We hope that all those in Near SE who are able to help the Teen Center will give a hand. Civic organizations can be of particular assistance by letting the city and UPO know that we want the center to continue.

More information on the center may be obtained by calling Thornell Page at the Friendship House number, 547-8880.

## Letters To The Editor

(The Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Please keep them brief and to the point. They should arrive at the Gazette office, 413 6th St. NE, no later than the 20th of the month.)



### A DIRTY MESS

I have been trying to get help about this place for years, but there isn't any. The District Building and the inspectors have not given us no help. The place is a dirty mess and it will never be no better until somebody puts an end to these slum landlords. It is a shame. You sink your life saving into your home and after a hard day you come to dirt and houses full of kids. Now these houses have 12 to 15 children in two bedrooms. The owner knows about it, so do the inspectors and also the District Building. The inspector comes along and gives you a big list of things to do which is not necessary, but the slum landlord—they pass those houses up. If this keeps up, with the repairs that you have to do, we will not have a home to live in. I think that is what they are trying to do.

A SE Reader

### WRONG IMPLICATION

I was particularly interested in the item (November issue) concerning the CIC Board. In the item you state that I had been critical of the manner in which Mr. Geathers was removed as Chairman of the Board. This fact is very true. However, that was not my reason for resigning as Secretary of the Board, as the item implied.

Vivian L. Long  
(Mrs. Long enclosed her letter of resignation, which stated: "In view of the reservations I hold concerning the validity of signatures of officers not properly installed and bonded I am offering my resignation as Secretary of the Community Improvement Corporation Board to be effective immediately.")

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GREG LAWRENCE

# "Il Loboro Nobilda"

TONY, looking small and dour at his cluttered work bench, leans forward stiffly and hammers the heel of a worn shoe. He nudges the last edge of the sole into place and sighs. It is a Saturday afternoon, late, and it has been a very long week at his basement shop on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"You know," he says, "all my life I work hard here, and I never know why. I guess there's nothing else I know to do. I had a cousin that way. Oh he was a fine boy. Did I ever tell you about my cousin?"

He shifts the shoe onto the other end of the brace and reaches for several small nails in an old mayonnaise jar.

"My cousin was a boy like me in Sicily. We grow up before World War I. It was a good time, I tell you, with mandolin and guitars in the streets, not radio like today. Everybody work just enough to be happy, you know, not work all the time like here. And sometime we spend a whole day hiking or watching Mont Etna blow. Mont Etna, she's a volcano and when she blow she blow ashes like snow. At night with the lights of Italy across the Strait of Messina and the stars so big as a grapefruit, we watch Mont Etna pour red lava into the sea. Oh yes," he nodded firmly, "it was a very good time."

He strikes a match and bows his head forward into the cup of his hands. The cigarette glow sketches the ancient Mediterranean lines of his face. His face is serious, now intent on his story.

"But when the war come," he waves out his match, "and my cousin had to go--you know, up past Milano. I



was still too young," and resumes his work. "Soon the soldiers from our city come back without feet and hands, from the war, from the cold because they not use to the ice. It is very warm in Messina. I fear for my cousin.

"Then he write that he wounded, that a bomb lands and that he gets up to walk but there is nothing there. But he OK, he say, even without leg. He was in a hospital in Milano and he was drawing pictures. All his life he scratched pictures in the road, with sticks, you know, or on a wall. And he pretty good. But no one know how good he is until Milano. There he do pictures that amaze everyone. I mean when he draws a tomato it look like it come-a from the plant.

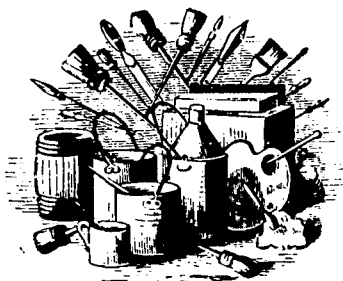
"Well one day a duchess come through to visit the troops and she see his paintings. She was so excited about his work that she say she would put him to school. Completely free, like a scholarship. He write us and was happy, for the first time in so long. And when his

leg heal he go to Florence to the best school there is.

"There he work hard to get a degree. He work harder and do better than anyone else. His hair gets all long and he grow a beard because he is so busy. And he don't sleep and he gets cold when he stay up all night. But he win all the prizes and he take a degree in four years what usually take sixteen. Really. They say he was to be a great artist. Still, he gets very sick.

"The doctor said he had, how do you say, TB? His parents very worry and so he come back to Messina to get well.

"But even in Messina he work. He



paint everything he can. Once he even paint the picture of a candidate for the council. He find the picture on a pamphlet, you know. The candidate see the painting and like it so much he say that if he get elected he buy my cousin a whole new studio. They put the painting in a store window and in ten minutes the sidewalk is full. Everyone bend and squint, you see, to look at who paint this picture. And I ask my cousin, "Why you write your name so small in the corner?" "Because," my cousin laugh, "I want people to bow and read my name."

Tony chuckles and reaches for a smooth pan of black shoe polish. He slaps the wax on liberally, still slightly laughing.

"I want people to bow and read my name," that's what he say, "Why you work so hard," now Tony's face grows tense again and he takes off his glasses and begins motioning with hands. "I say, 'What . . . what is there to work so hard for?' And my cousin reply in an old Italian saying: 'Il loboro nobilda.' "Work makes you noble," that's what it means. He say that to create is the only thing he live for and if he cannot create then he die.

"When I get well," my cousin say, "I'm going to paint all of Messina. I'm going to paint Messina and the sea and Mont Etna and everything that is so beautiful to us here." Oh yes," says Tony, "he was going to paint everything because he love everything so much. He was a fine boy."

Tony replaces his glasses and begins to buff the shoe with a brush in slow, steady motions. His mouth dips at the corners as he speaks.

"He die soon after that. The candidate win and send a telegram to give a studio, but it was too late. He already was coughing blood and he die. His name was Natale. It is the Italian word for Christmas. He die almost the same day that the great Caruso die. That was in 1921."

There is only the sound of the brush and the shoe and the rhythmic patter

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of Pennsylvania Avenue above. Tony, almost silently, brings the shoe to a gloss, now becoming absorbed in his task and careful not to miss any of the shoe's surface. When he has finished he turns to the customer and holds out the shoe. The customer rises from his chair.

"There," says Tony, "my creation. Some people build a bridge, I build a shoe. For forty-five years that's what I do. 'Il loboro nobilda,' and Tony and the customer laugh together. The customer pays Tony and bids good-bye and ascends the dark stairs to the evening street above. Tony, once again feeling his tiredness from the very long week, sighs and attempts to clean his shop. But it is of no use. He will be back Monday. He slips into an old tweed coat, flicks out the light and climbs the steps. After he locks the door he turns and walks down the dark pavement.

## CIRCLE MEETS

A DEMONSTRATION OF the use of children's play-dough for Christmas decorating by Mrs. Phillip Gasteyer will be featured at the Wednesday, Dec. 6 membership meeting of the Circle-on-the-Hill, a women's service group of Friendship House.

The meeting will begin at 8 P. M. with coffee and refreshments in the auditorium of Friendship House. The business meeting is scheduled for 8:30, the program for 9 P. M.

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## The Swampoodle Papers

A PROPOSED Capitol East town meeting, with Commissioner Washington and the District Council in attendance, has been postponed until January, after several civic leaders here complained about the manner in which the program was being planned.

Originally scheduled for November 29, the meeting was being organized by the Washington Urban League which had been consulting in Near NE with a small group centered around the Community Police Alert, a group that operated in the area this summer under the sponsorship of the Urban League. According to Frank Milner, chairman of the Near NE Citizens' Advisory Council, "any legitimate organization that I have contact with has refused to cosponsor this."

In Near SE, the Urban League ran into strong opposition from those few civic leaders it contacted on the grounds that not enough time had been given to plan and publicize the meeting.

Several days after the first meeting with the Near SE group was held, an Urban League spokesman reported that "the city government has asked that the meeting be postponed until January."

THE AFFAIRS OF the Near NE anti-poverty program appear as confused as ever. There was a call meeting of the Delegate Assembly of the program the other evening which was boycotted by most members of the Board of Directors. Those who did attend reviewed charges that improper procedures were being followed by the new leadership which ousted Elmer Geathers as chairman a few months back. At presstime it was unclear whether those attending the call meeting would also attend another Delegate Assembly announced by the Board of Directors for Dec. 4. Bernard Fulton, chief of operations for the United Planning Organization, has been attending recent meetings in Near NE to try to straighten out the muddle but it doesn't look that he is having anymore success than anyone else. It comes down to a continuation of a problem that has existed for a long time in the Near NE program, a sharp debilitating cleavage between those in power and those out of power with a strong feeling on both sides against compromise.

JANIE BOYD, chairman of the city's Consumer Association and a Near NE resident, is continuing her battle against poor quality and high prices in neighborhood food stores. She called us just before deadline to report on a shopping expedition to the Giant on Bladensburg Rd. which--she said--produced a number of items that weren't "fit for human consumption." She and her group displayed the items

for the benefit of TV cameras outside the store and took the food goods to the Commissioner and District Council so they could see what local consumers are up against.

THE NEWLY OPENED Health Center for Mothers and Children, 702 15th NE, is running into some neighborhood criticism because some of the advertised services are not yet available. The D. C. Health Dept. blames personnel shortages for the delay. . . . THE DISTRICT IS getting a headstart on summer planning. It's already made a supplemental budget request of \$2.5 million for funds for next year. Last summer's program ran into trouble because of the lateness of the funding. . . . THE DISTRICT ALSO hopes to construct bathhouses for the small swimming pools built last summer. . . . BUT DON'T EXPECT to go swimming in the 7th & S. C. SE pool next summer. Congress only appropriated money for planning the project. The pool itself is sometime off.

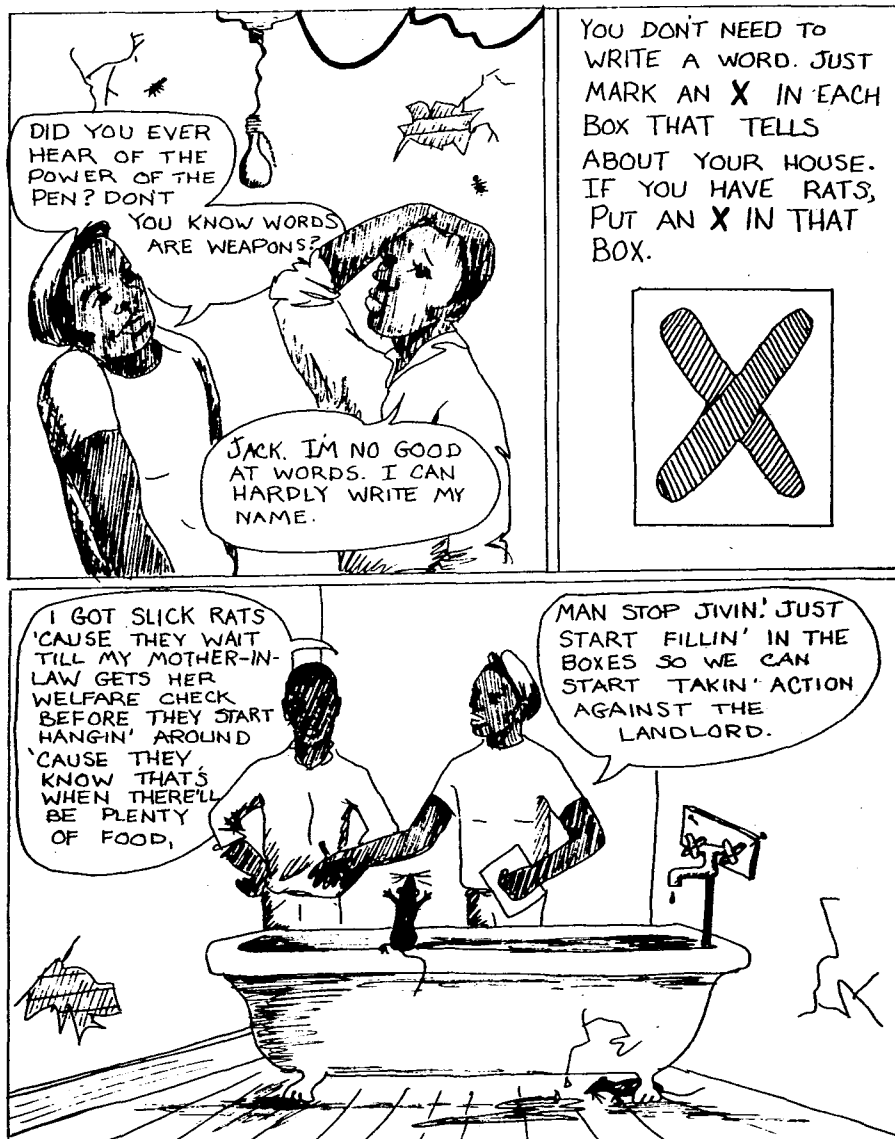
MELVIN MOORE, ASSISTANT director of the Near NE anti-poverty program has submitted his resignation effective Dec. 31. Moore was deeply involved in the factional disputes that have rocked the program. . . . JOHN ANTHONY AND Fred Wilson have been selected to fill vacancies on the board of the Community Improvement Corp. That's the body that runs the Near NE anti-poverty program. . . . THERE ARE REPORTS that the consolidation of police precincts into districts may be tried out first with a combination of the First, Fourth, and Fifth Precincts into one operation, working out of the present Fourth Precinct station-house in SW.

TWENTY-FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS have banded together to form the Capitol Hill Town Club. The Club, aiming at a membership of 400, hopes to have a pool in operation, 30' by 50' at property located at 530 7th St. SE. . . . THE NEAR NE Business and Professional Council is considering the sponsorship of a baseball team. . . . THE NEAR NE Citizens' Advisory Council is requesting city officials to assign two more roving leaders to Near NE. At present, there is only one roving leader in the area.

NEXT MONTH WE hope to offer some specific suggestions about possible bike paths through Capitol East. Anyone who has any ideas on this subject--or who would like to help on this project--should give me a ring at 546-9662. . . . A group of fifty youngsters from the Neighborhood Civic Organization of Atlantic City were hosted last month by Christ Child House. The group visited the city for a day and had a fried chicken dinner at Christ Child before returning to Atlantic City. . . . A GROUP OF EASTERN High students is taking a course in Italian that meets three days a week, even though the students get no academic credit for it. The course is taught by William Steurer of Georgetown University and includes--beside language training--Italian music, culture and recipes. Twenty-five students are taking part.

--(S.S.)

## Putting That Slumlord Down...



SHOWN ABOVE ARE two pages from "The Stand Up and Fight Book" published by the United Planning Organization and created by CapEaster Sherwood Ross. The coloring and comic book is subtitled "A Do-it-yourself Book to Help Put That Slum Landlord Down," and includes tear-out sheets like the one illustrated. The

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book is being distributed by UPO's Housing Office, 1100 Vermont Ave. NW. (659-1100), but Ross also suggests that some readers with housing problems might wish to clip out the form above and send it to the address shown at the top.





## Shop Talk

BY  
MARCIA  
FELDMAN

**ABUNDANCE** is the rule all year long at **THE EMPORIUM** (305 Pennsylvania Ave. SE) but Len Kirsten has exceeded all previous levels this holiday season. The objects he has gathered range from the utilitarian (ashtrays, brightly painted matches and 47 gadgets for cooking) to the improbable (seven-foot feather dusters for those elusive Capitol Hill ceilings).

There are numerous media with which to spread the seasonal message of good cheer and good will. Mauro D. Caputo's contemporary, silk-screened designs with their dizzying pop art and dark-defying colors are available either in boxes of ten or imprinted with your name (the minimum order is 25). Other lines of cards to be imprinted include Tiber, Berlinger and McGuiness and the Olden Press museum reproductions, a collection that brings together the offerings of thirteen museums. The last company, incidentally, has fine woodcut designs at only 10¢ a card. Imprinted cards may be ordered through December 5. In addition, The Emporium offers an exclusive Capitol Hill card, packaged in seasonal colors of red and green and depicting the Capitol of 100 years ago as it appeared in *Harper's Weekly*.

Next in the holiday line-up--New Year's--may be marked with a six-foot felt calendar. The banner is inscribed in Latin, English or French, and all holidays are marked with a star. (The French banner stars only July 14: Bastille Day.)

The Emporium is not a very large store. Its stock however, is enormous, in large part because so much of it is made up of small items, many of which bear correspondingly diminutive price tags. Consequently, this is a good place to come for stocking stuffers and grab bag gifts. For children there are scaled-down clothes brushes in the shapes of appealing animals to inspire good grooming habits. For adults, for no reason at all, there are so-called adult toys, Lady Godiva, Paul Revere, George Washington and other equestrian figures on rocking horses.

More useful are porcelain mustard jars (89¢), Florentine silver demitasse spoons (49¢) and French blown crystal stemware (\$1 apiece). Finally, would you believe that someone earns his living by dipping pretzels, crackers,

pieces of matzo and bagels in vinyl and mounting the foods thus preserved in the form of pins, earrings and paperweights. Someone does. He calls it bread jewelry, and The Emporium sells it.

**JIM HICKS** and **BILL BOYD**, proprietors of **EL MERCADO** (214 7th St. SE) did not intend to become merchants. They grew up along the Mexican border, graduated from the University of Texas and came to Washington to work as consultants in traffic engineering and economics, bringing along their love for things Mexican and a good many of the things themselves. They were so often asked to purchase similar objects on trips home that they finally decided to turn pro.

El Mercado retains the casual atmosphere of a rural market although it has superimposed a certain amount of Northern efficiency upon the Southern charm of manana-minded Mexicans. Like the Mexican markets, browsing is encouraged, but you're not expected to bargain.

The stock includes big and basic items like fur rugs or furniture (sofas for about \$225; chairs for about \$85, and chests big and small) as well as a delightful assortment of those smaller things that lend spice and variety to decor. The furniture is reproduced from 15th-century Spanish colonial designs and is manufactured by hand in the traditional manner with chisels and hammers. Devilwood, cedar and hard Mexican pine are utilized, and the wood may be stained to a rich hue or finished in, say, avocado green with a high gloss achieved, Mr. Hicks claims, by a finish of crushed bees and wasps.

Many of the smaller items are not so small. There are, for instance, five and ten-gallon wine pitchers that stand a good three feet high and were fashioned from three layers of iron ore clay so they could withstand the pressure of fermenting wine. These dramatic pieces are painted in rich colors or left an earthy grayish black. Some are filled with giant paper flowers.

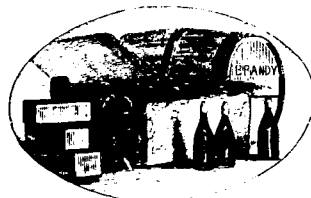
Wrought iron has been turned into a multitude of beautiful things: chandeliers, light fixtures, vases (suitable only for paper flowers or dried leaves), bowls and glass-lined pitchers and glasses. Highly polished yucca wood carved into abstract designs forms elegant salad bowls. Rough stone carvings come from an area just south of Mexico City. The brightly painted Tonalá pottery is made in Guadalajara. For children, someone with a rich sense of humor created gay papier mache plaques in the shape of animals. Christmas pinatas already slit for stuffing will be ready on December 1.

El Mercado will observe the Christmas season by staying open until nine on Thursday and Friday. After the holidays the store will be open six days a week. Until then it will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

WHAT IS SURELY the smallest shopping center on Capitol Hill is on First Street and contains just two stores, the newest of which **GIUSTINA'S ITALIAN KITCHENS** (410 1/2 1st St. SE) opened late in November. Giustina's (the name is pronounced with an initial "j") is the first Washington branch of a chain of carry-out franchises popular in the West and Midwest. A red and white checked motif bedecks and enlivens the decor, the employees and even the carry-out packages. (A placemat checked in this pattern is included with every order.)

Giustina's serves breakfast all day, but offers its 99¢ special (two eggs, potatoes and bacon, ham or sausage with toast and coffee) from 7 until 11 each morning. Through the rest of the day, the menu consists of ten varieties of pizza in three sizes, fried chicken, submarine sandwiches, kosher hot dogs on Italian rolls, cold corned or roast beef sandwiches, charcoal-broiled hamburgers, four types of deep-fried seafood and appropriate accompaniments such as potato salad, cole slaw and french fried potatoes.

Bob and Joe McHale, the proprietors, have gone to great lengths to make the meals they send out as pleasant as possible. Spread on the red and white checked placemats are neat styrofoam dishes with well-fitted lids



to keep hot food hot. The heavy plastic forks, spoons and knives are regulation size, and the knives have serrated edges so sharp that they cut a steak with ease. Equally comfortable are Giustina's prices and the additional savings encouraged by the McHales in the form of savings stamps. Redeemable only at the restaurant, stamps are issued at the rate of one for every dime spent. They are placed in books of 480 (as opposed to about 1500 in the books issued by other plans). Each book may be exchanged for a dollar's worth of Giustina's food. The shop is open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 1 to 11 p.m. on Sunday. The telephone number is Kitchen 6-7003.

THE VETERAN CAPITOL Hill shop next door is **CONGRESSIONAL LIQUORS** (406 1st St. SE), which in some circles is known almost exclusively for its wines, so extensive is its collection of domestic and imported vintages. Wines from France, Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece and Denmark as well as New York State and California are treated with the respect necessary to maintain their delicate taste and are displayed in the recommended position--lying corks down on slanted racks. (This position keeps corks moist and taut and prevents air from entering and spoiling the wine.) Jules Gordon, the store's youthful wine

expert, designed the racks himself. The bulk of the collection is stored on similar shelves in a temperature-regulated back room.

Throughout December, all wines at Congressional Liquors are on sale, with 10 to 15 percent taken off the regular prices to help maintain appropriate seasonal spirits in the neighborhood.

The store offers a number of services to wine lovers. It sells corkscrews and wine racks. It will lend glasses and books about wine, and it will send Mr. Gordon to your house with assorted vintages to be the central attraction at a wine-tasting party.

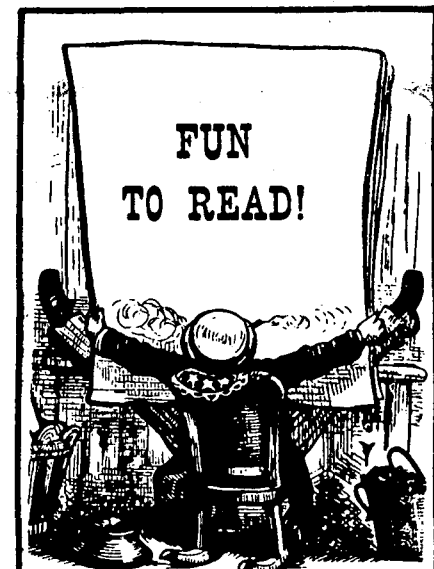
## Memorial Fund Started

A MEMORIAL FUND has been established for four Capitol East children who died Oct. 14 in an automobile accident.

The children were Celia Bremier, 5; Karla Gutenberg, 4; Natasha Gutenberg, 3; and Cheryl Smalls, 8.

Contributions will be accepted by Circle-on-the-Hill, service organization to Friendship House settlement, for distribution to charities of the families' choice.

Checks can be made out to Circle-on-the-Hill and designated for the Bremier-Gutenberg-Smalls fund. They can be mailed to Treasurer, Circle-on-the-Hill, Friendship House, 619 D SE.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

(This article has been prepared by a student committee under the chairmanship of Cynthia Hill.)

The activities of the Council for the Class of 1970 at Eastern High School are now in full operation. Having met four times previously this year, the Council has selected, in addition to its regular officers, three major committees. These committees are as follows:

**Attendance Committee**, which is sponsoring an Attendance Contest for the first advisory. Only sections with no tardiness from its members may participate. The winning section is the one with the lowest score--the number of days absence. The purpose of the contest is to encourage regularity in attendance by sections. The chairman of this committee is Marilyn Shorts, 323-2.

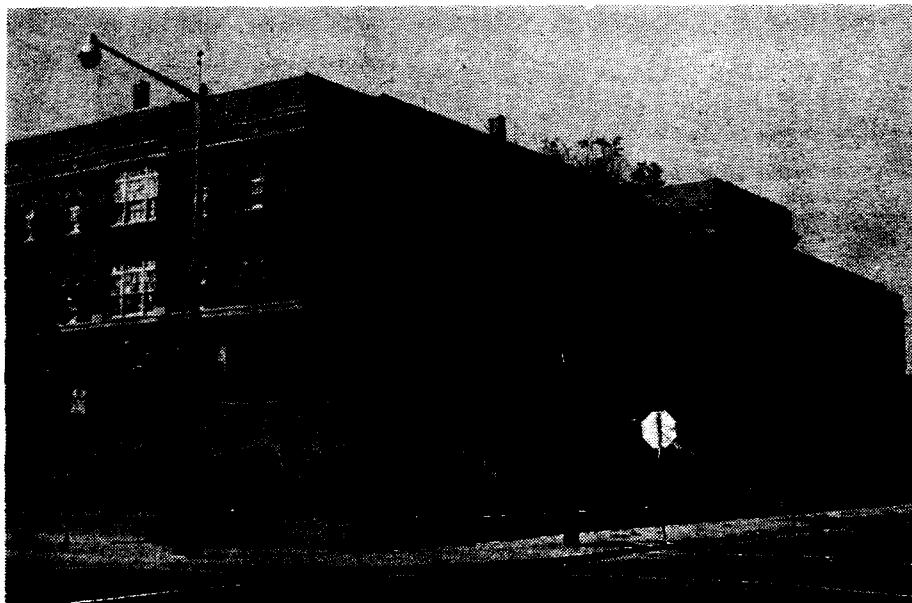
**Cafeteria Committee**, whose work is being displayed in a "Decorate the Cafeteria for the Holidays" campaign. Their aim is to register the spirit of Thanksgiving and Christmas through their decorations. Thus it is hoped all students will try harder to keep our cafeteria a pleasant place. The chairman of the committee is Sandra Brewer, 213-2.

**Scholarship Committee**, which is the newest committee. Its plans are forthcoming, but its goal is to encourage high scholarship among the members of the sophomore class. So far we are waiting for suitable volunteers.

Plans for more committees are underway, and their functions will be announced at a later date. At this time, the above-named committees are hard at work trying to reach their goals.

(The following story was prepared by Mrs. Marian Friedman, a counsellor at Eastern High School)

Several innovations in teaching techniques are increasing interest in biology classes at Eastern. One of



**NEW LOOK FOR KINGSMAN SCHOOL.** At right is a photo of a model of planned changes to the outside of Kingsman School, 14th & E NE. Photo at left shows how the school looks today. The project is being aided by a grant of \$20,000 from

these is a very effective method of reviewing material discussed during the week. On Thursday or Friday, depending on the volume of material discussed, the students automatically leave their regular seats and form discussion groups. These groups prepare for an oral quiz, given the last two-thirds of the class period.

### I REMEMBER

I hear the voices,  
Loud and bold with curses.  
I see the faces,  
All separate, and yet connected cases.  
I feel the hurt,  
And realize the unseen worth.  
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And know that hate is not rare.  
I try touching with my hand,  
And remember that no man is an island.

--Cynthia Goodwin

Group leaders, chosen for academic and leadership achievement, moderate the discussion periods, and the instructors are free to move from group to group to give individual instruction where it is necessary. The oral quiz which follows is similar to "College Bowl", in that correct answers earn points for a group, while incorrect

answers lose points. The winning group is exempted from any weekly quiz on the same material.

This activity corrects for any student tendencies to separate into groups of high or low motivation during the week. Areas in which the student has been wavering can be quickly reinforced, before test-time, by either a group member or by the instructor.

Some of the student leaders are:

Shirley Porter, Phyllis Johnson, Brenda Wiggins, Arnetta Brock, Jacqueline Jewson, and Antynette Mills. These new ideas are under the direction of Mrs. O. U. Carter and her graduate intern from Howard University's M. A. T. program, Mr. C. R. Little.

## Council Seeks Center Funds

THE District Council has pledged its support to efforts to keep the Work and Training Opportunity Center in business. Appropriations for the agency were not in the DC budget approved by Congress last month. The agency, located in a red brick building at 921 Pa. SE, will shut down in February unless alternate sources of money are located. The Council voted unanimously to help find such funds.

Over 900 heads of households are undergoing training at the job center. These trainees have nearly 3000 children under 18. Speaking of the fund cut-off, one student was quoted as saying, "These are the things which generate riots."

Since WTOC began two years ago 845 heads of households have been placed in jobs.

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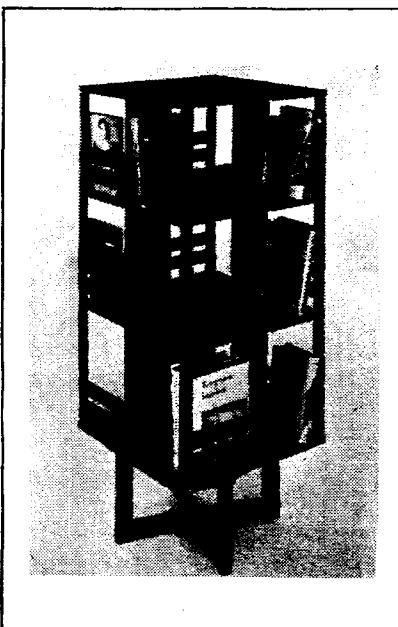
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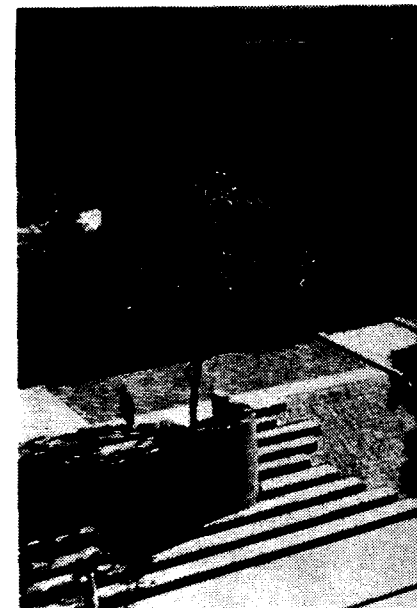
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## Police Levels

A Gazette study of police manpower distribution compared with population and recent crime statistics suggest that several precincts--including the 9th--are possibly being shortchanged by the police department. The analysis also suggest that two precincts--the 5th (comprising much of Capitol Hill) and the 7th (Georgetown)--have significantly more police assigned than would be expected--based upon crime rate and population.

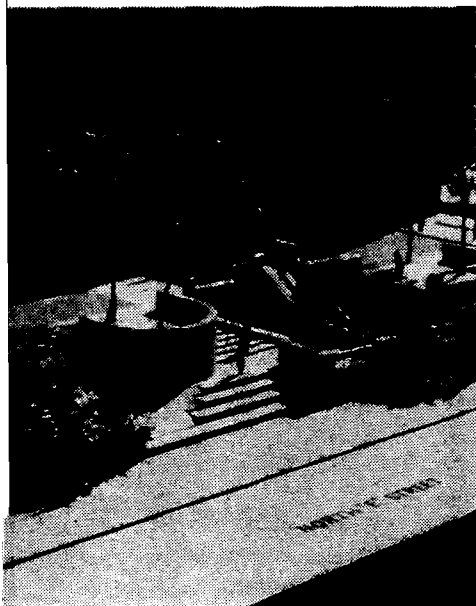
A study such as this must be hedged by numerous qualifications. It does not reflect the presence of the tactical force in the 9th Precinct. It doesn't allow for the absolute manning requirements of any precinct no matter how small. Nonetheless, there is at least meat here for further study of police department manpower practices. The study also suggests that additional police personnel, when recruited, should be concentrated in the high crime precincts until a better distribution is developed.

The Gazette began its study because of the difference in manpower levels between the 5th and the 9th Precincts, the two police areas that comprise Capitol East. The 9th Precinct has approximately 50% more residents per policeman than does the 5th. The 5th, however, has a declining crime rate and a generally lower incidence of crime than does the 9th.

The study did not use standard rankings based on absolute numbers of crime incidents--such as those cited by the Washington Post last month. These do not take population into account. Thus the Post listed the 11th Precinct (Anacostia) as the number one crime precinct last month, despite the fact that half of the precincts in the city--including the 9th--had a higher crime rate per 1000 residents than did the 11th.

In addition to crime per thousand residents, several other indices were used (see chart) based on 1960 census figures, November manpower figures, and the last crime report. As the chart shows, the Capitol Hill and Georgetown Precincts rank high in police manpower but low in crime. In the other precincts, the reverse is true.

October crime statistics found the 5th Precinct with 8.9% fewer crimes than this time last year, while in the 9th Precinct, crime increased 34.5% for the same period.



sistance from Lawrence Halprin, and the infication committee. Halprin is the creator antification proposal for the whole area.

## Teachers Need Citizen Help Union Head Tells SACCE

BY KATHY ROSS

TEACHERS and the community should combine forces to rid the District of its plantation form of government, William Simons said November 9 at a meeting of the School Action Council for Capitol East.

Simons, who is president of the D. C. Federation of Teachers, said that he feels the U. S. Congress is acting purposefully to keep Afro-Americans from gaining power in the District. Congress is keeping the new government as powerless as the old one, he said.

"I feel Congress has been negligent in providing education for the District," he said. "The recent Congressional action denying the new government

the right to transfer funds is an example."

Simons explained that funds must now be returned to the government if they are not used for the purpose for which they are specified. Last year, the District lost \$450,000 because funds could not be transferred to other areas where they were needed, he said.

Simons also discussed the union's negotiations with the D. C. Board of Education. He said the board has rejected the union's offer of round-the-clock negotiations before the union's December 1 deadline.

"There is a strong possibility of an educational crisis in the District," he said. While D. C. teachers, like all federal employees, must sign a no-strike agreement, Simons said the pledge had never been tested by action.

Union demands include the teacher's right to see his personnel files and to work other jobs after school.

"The Board of Education has no control over its financial affairs, so we are stymied when it comes to salary negotiations," he said. "We have to go up on the Hill for that."

D. C. salaries for teachers range from \$5,840 to \$11,170, he said. The union is requesting salaries ranging from \$7,000 to \$17,000. The average D. C. salary is \$7,500. It is so low because temporary teachers cannot advance beyond the sixth step on the pay scale, he said.

Simons added that D. C. salaries are below those in surrounding jurisdictions and well below other big cities such as Detroit, which will have a starting salary of \$7,500 next year.

"I feel that, through collective bargaining, a new day will come for education in the District," he said. Without your involvement and active support, our goals can never be realized. The community should get together with us on educational problems, and we should combine forces to get our candidates in office."

Simons said that lack of sufficient community action is perhaps one reason why Congress appropriates so much money for the police force and so little for education.

"Why spend so much for riot control and so little to eliminate the causes of the riots," he asked.

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In answer to questions after his speech, Simons said he favored in-service training for D. C. teachers but that it should be part of the regular school day.

He also said that, if temporary teachers prove themselves adequate over a period of time, they should receive permanent status.

He said the union does not support either hazard pay or merit pay for D. C. teachers.

"Merit pay is subjective, and hazard pay would attract teachers who want more money, but who are not necessarily better teachers," he said. "Instead, the Board of Education should work to provide teachers with better teaching conditions so they will be able to teach."

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### Police Manpower and Crime

CHART BELOW SHOWS how five precincts--including two in Capitol East--rank according to certain indicators in comparison with the other precincts in the city. For example, the 5th Precinct ranks 10th in crime per 1000 residents but fifth in terms of policemen per 1000 residents. Base used was 1960 census, October crime report, and November manpower figures.

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5th Precinct Near Southeast



7th Precinct Georgetown



9th Precinct Near Northeast



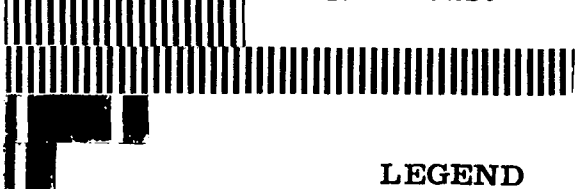
10th Precinct Central Northwest



11th Precinct Anacostia



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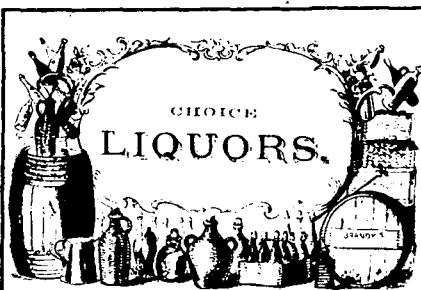
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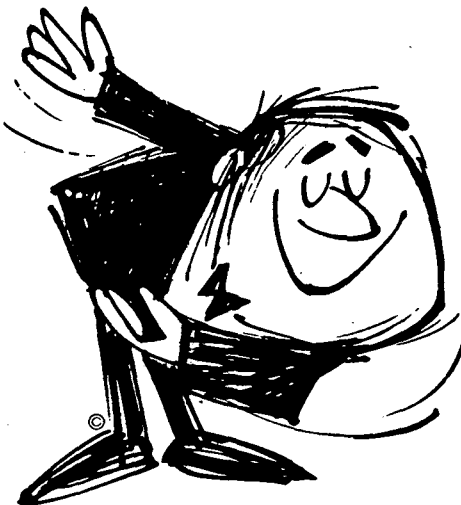


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According to CHOICE, the phone company will not remove a person's telephone if he refuses to pay the tax. The company asks refusers to state why they are withholding the tax and then turns the matter over to the Internal Revenue Service.

According to CHOICE, there are presently 25 known tax refusers in the Capitol Hill area.

Those desiring CHOICE's leaflet are asked to call LI 6-9836.

### Open House on 7th St.

THE NEWLY FORMED Market Row Association is having an open house on Dec. 1 from seven to nine pm. The brightly painted shops on the 200 and 300 block of 7th St. SE now number about one dozen with more expected.

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## Capper Loses in Funding

A report released by the Commissioner's Council on Human Relations charges that the Recreation Department spends 8.2¢ per attendee at the Capper-Lincoln Playground while spending 49¢ to \$1.06 per attendee at several predominantly white playgrounds in Northwest. Capper-Lincoln was one of 7 playgrounds listed in the Council's report where less than 10¢ per attendee was spent. All had over fifty percent Negro attendance, and five--including Capper-Lincoln--had over 90%.

The report concentrates on charges of discrimination made against the Department of Recreation by the Far NE Council. The Recreation Dept. has denied the charges.

The Human Relations Council's report stated: "The Report of the Department of Recreation recognizes variables that would cause unit costs to vary unit by unit dependent upon type of unit. There variables are hours or sessions, type of unit . . . and maintenance costs. . . . The Commissioner's Council on Human Relations, however, considers that even with allowance for these variable (sic) there is indication that non-white communities get a significantly less equal share of the Department of Recreation dollar."

### Thrift Shop Opens

A SMALL THRIFT shop has opened in a temporary building on the grounds of Logan School, 4th & G NE. The ribbon was cut at the opening by Mrs. Hubert Humphrey. Goods sold at the store include clothing contributed by a number of suburban churches. Other household items are also available. The store is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings.



MOST OF THE windows at the Edmonds and Peabody Schools were replaced by the school administration following this protest meeting in the office of Granville Woodson, assistant superintendent of schools. Among those complaining about the months-long delay in the replacement of broken panes were Pat Schulder (right) of the Edmonds-Peabody Parent Action Group and Peter Levison, president of the School Action Council for Capitol East, (center). Woodson stands at left.

## Food Stampers Wait in Rain

THE National Capitol Bank, 316 Penna. Ave. SE, makes Food Stamp recipients wait at its outside window. A Gazette reporter visiting the bank on a rainy day found six food stamp recipients standing in an unsheltered line in front of the bank's outside window. A sign inside the bank reads:

"U. S. Govt. Food Coupons Sold at Outside Walk-Up Window Only."

John Thompson, manager of the bank, denied that any discrimination against the food stamp clients was involved. He said the method used was for administration and efficiency reasons.

John Saunders, DC head of the Food Stamp program--upon being informed by the Gazette of the bank's practice--promised to look into the matter.

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## CODE Cont'd

was willing, if the community desired it, to ask the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide federal loans and grants to aid low income homeowners. He warned that the federal money would be available only to those with good credit ratings. He stated that if a homeowner has an income of less than \$3000 he might be able to get a grant of up to \$1500 for repairs.

According to Gilman, the chances of getting money from HUD were "very good."

Gilman also told the group that Commissioner Walter Washington would be willing to meet with a delegation from the area to discuss the code enforcement problem.

Swanson and Gilman expressed an interest in working with the community to create a program that would meet local objections to code enforcement.

In another switch of District policy, Swanson offered to provide the group with a list of contractors black listed by the FHA and with a list of contractors belonging to a Washington professional remodeling organization. Prior to this point, the city had maintained it could only provide lists of bonded and licensed contractors.

Swanson also announced that recently he had been given increased discretion to continue and grant variances in cases of hardship not involving dangerous violations. Swanson stated: "It is not the intention of the Corporation Counsel to prosecute homeowners who cannot afford to pay. I will extend a person until doomsday if they can't get the work done." Several of those present asked that Swanson put this promise in writing.

In addition, Swanson promised that those homeowners whose residence had already been inspected under the code program would have their cases "re-evaluated."

The code enforcement program began in early October with little prior warning. Involved was a portion of Near SE including 4700 buildings, of which 3600 were single-family dwellings. The inspectors' plan was to move house to house over a five and a half year



BRYANT HARRIS, president of the Near NE Business and Professional Council, conducts a recent meeting of the new integrated businessmen's group. With Harris are Lola Singletary of the Community Improvement Corp. (left), and council secretary Marie Brown Carter. The council is actively seeking new members among Near NE businessmen. Inquiries can be addressed to 1218 E NE.

period, checking for both major and minor violations.

The determination to enter Near SE --the tenth such area to undergo intensive inspection--was made, according to Swanson, on the basis of a 1955 report on housing conditions in the District.

In the little more than a month that the code enforcement program was in operation, reports were beginning to accumulate of the hardships it was causing. One low-income homeowner reported receiving a estimate of \$3500 for required repairs on her house. Jane Hardin, who runs Community Laundries Inc., told Gilman and Swanson of one incident to illustrate the problems involved. She said there was a block in SE with a number of sagging fences where the homeowners had been given notices of violations. She charged that the homeowners had not been told that they could conform with the code by simply removing the fences. And she noted that shortly after the inspectors left, contractors moved into the block urging people to buy chain link fences.

## PCT. 9 POLICE HONORED BY RED CROSS

POLICE officers Robert A. Cornish and Mario Vidotto, Jr., of Precinct 9, have each donated 12 gallons of blood, and have been awarded Certificates of Appreciation and gold pins by the American Red Cross.

Officer Vidotto, a native Washingtonian, was appointed to the Police Department in June 1955. Officer Cornish was appointed to the department in November 1952.

A donor to the blood bank may donate 1 pint of blood every 8 weeks, and in order to donate 12 gallons of blood each police officer visited the blood bank 96 times.

## Girls' Town Opens

A NEW study center called "Girls' Town for Teens" has opened at 700 4th St. SE. Its purpose is to find employment for teen-age girls and to assist them in earning school expenses money. The center also hopes to teach trade and professional skills, charm and etiquette and to prepare girls for "the world of living they will have to face at 18 with assurance and confidence."

Girls' Town is a non-profit organization aimed at providing some of the same sort of services for local girls as are already available for boys.

Classes, to be held Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday, (3:30 to 6:30 pm), will include sewing, rugmaking, floral craft, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, tailoring. On Thursdays a course in typing and filing will be offered. Charm, modeling and etiquette will be taught on Friday.

The center says that donations are needed in the form of heavy clothing and shoes as well as sewing machines, typewriters, and pieces of fabric that can be made into school clothes.

## FOOD STAMP Cont'd

--that a certifying officer would be assigned to Near NE one half day a week. Saunders told a meeting of the CAC that "I can't afford to have a worker here on a fulltime basis until we see what the intake is."

Based on the experience of other areas it is unlikely that the certifying officer assigned to Near NE could process more than ten persons a week on the part-time schedule. Poverty workers estimate that the number of persons eligible for food stamps in Near NE who are not presently enrolled in the program runs into the tens of thousands. Food stamp officials admit that less than five percent of the eligibles in Near NE are currently using food stamps.

At present, a person wishing food stamps must travel to 12th and Taylor NW to be certified.

Saunders announcement was received by the CAC with mixed pleasure and disappointment. Mrs. Janie Boyd asked at the meeting: "What good can one half day a week do for all the people we've got?"

Saunders also told the CAC that --as a result of a CAC request that the income standards for food stamps recipients be liberalized--a study has been completed by federal and local officials and that the standards have been raised.

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■ THE CHURCH OF the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St., has announced a series of noonday services during Advent. These brief services each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Advent will begin promptly at 12:10 pm and conclude at 12:30 pm. For the convenience of worshippers, luncheon is available in the church parish hall at the close of the services.

■ MORE THAN 100 STORE windows were broken in Near NE Oct. 29 after 7000 youths were sent home early from a music show at the Washington Coliseum. The show was closed down following a disturbance during the performance. Several persons were injured and six were arrested in the fracas. Most seriously damaged was the Hot Shoppes at 4th & Fla. NE which was closed after the teenagers broke ten windows.

■ THREE CAPITOL EAST groups will take part in a community council formed to make recommendations concerning the Passow study on the D.C. public schools. Those picked from this area were: The School Action Council for Capitol East, Friendship House, and the Community Improvement Corp.

■ WALTER WASHINGTON MADE his first visit to Capitol East as Commissioner last month. He responded to a multi-alarm fire in the warehouse of the District Linen Service that did extensive damage before brought under control by more than 100 firemen.

Talking to reporters on the scene, Washington promised that "in addition to making all big fires, I'll be out on the streets at night to see how the police and fire departments are working, even at 3 o'clock in the morning, if necessary."

## Christ Child Looking for Aids

CHRIST Child Settlement House announces that it has vacancies for volunteers. Christ Child, located at 608 Mass. Ave. NE, is looking for "capable dedicated people" to volunteer in their program.

The center says, "If you have some specialized skills, want to tutor, like to drive or just have an interest in exploring what you can do, contact

Miss Donna Lee Rose at 546-1500, daytime or evening."

Christ Child is also featuring an adult night every Wednesday evening. All adults in the Near NE neighborhood are welcomed and invited to join this program. The center is especially seeking lady participants. The program offers complete gym facilities, ceramics, woodworking,

discussion groups, and social recreation (including pool, ping pong, bridge, whist and other card games, table games, music, etc.)

Christ Child says that all programs that continue and those which will be added will result from the participants needs and choice.

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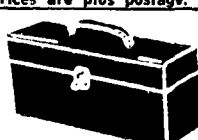
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- 2** REGIONAL DRAMA PRODUCTION  
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am and 2 pm.
- 4** MOVIE: "Mark Twain's America."  
NE Branch Public Library, 7th &  
Md. NE. 7:30 pm.
- 6** 9TH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUN-  
CIL. Meeting. (Every first Wednes-  
day). 9th Precinct, 525 9th St. NE.  
8 pm.
- CIRCLE-ON-THE-HILL membership  
meeting featuring Christmas craft  
ideas. Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8pm
- 7** NEAR NE CITIZENS' ADVISORY  
COUNCIL. Meeting. Keller Church  
9th & Md. NE. (Every first Thursday).  
8 pm.
- 9** FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE.  
For Emergency Food and Clothing  
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- 10** MEXICAN FIESTA AND DINNER.  
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- 14** NEAR NE COMMUNITY IM-  
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- 18** 5TH PRECINCT ADVISORY  
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third Monday) 5th Precinct 500 E SE.  
8:15 pm.
- 19** CHRISTMAS CAROLING FOR  
TEENS. Capper Recreation  
Center, 5th & K SE. 7 pm.
- 20** CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL. Meeting. (Every  
third Wednesday) School Board member  
John Sessions guest speaker. St. Cecilia's  
6th & E. Capitol. 8 pm.  
CHRISTMAS CRAFT EXHIBIT.  
Bryan Recreation Center, 13th  
and Ind. SE. All day.  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Bryan  
Recreation Center, 13th & Ind.  
SE. For teens. 5 pm.  
TOY DANCE for teens. Capper  
Recreation Center, 5th & K St.  
8 pm.
- 21** CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND  
PARTY. Payne Recreation  
Center, 15th & C SE. 6:30 pm.  
CHRISTMAS FASHION SHOW.  
Capper Recreation Center, 5th  
& K SE. 8 pm.  
NEAR NE CITIZENS' ADVISORY  
COUNCIL. Open Forum. (Every  
third Thursday.) Call 547-7200 for loca-  
tion. 8 pm.

MD. AVE. & G ST. Beautifica-  
tion Committee. Meeting. A-  
tonement House, 1332 G NE. 7 pm.  
**22** VISIT TO SANTA'S WORK-  
SHOP (Ages 3-5). Capper  
Recreation Center, 5th & K SE. 10am.

**24** CAROLING. Hospitality House.  
507 Fla. Ave. NE. 6-8 pm.

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drew J. Allen, president of the Baptist  
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The building, with 28 rooms and  
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\$95,000. The church hopes to involve  
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new center.

## Clothes & Food Drive Dec. 9-10

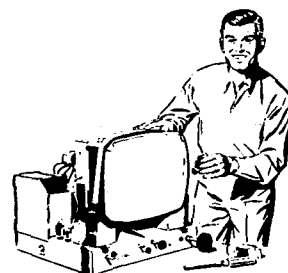
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